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session, I think this bill certainly is as good an ethics bill as this body could put forward at this time. I do want to announce that Omaha has received a grant from National Public Radio and from US West Corporation to fund an Omaha free network. It is called Omaha FreeNet (phonetic), and it will be a communitywide computer network to allow people to go on line through Omaha at no charge at all to those people that reside in the area. I think this is certainly another step in the direction that I have been seeking in making our legislative information available to people. It is only a matter of time before that will be even more accessible to people across the entire state, and I think this certainly positions Omaha to take a leadership role in the development of community computer networks that will benefit all of the residents. With that, I would withdraw the amendment and thank everyone for voting for this. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: It is withdrawn. Anything else, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hall would move to return. (See FA590 found on page 2127 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I don't intend to pull this motion. I want to return the bill, and strike the enacting clause. As you remember, this, the A bill, the only need for the A bill had to do with Senator Moore's amendment on the accountability provisions that were subsequently placed in I think it was LB 882, if I am not mistaken, yesterday, so...or excuse me, it would have been on Wednesday. There is no need for the A bill, so the motion to return is to strike the enacting clause and then we can be done with the bill. I would echo Senator Preister's comments on the grant that he spoke of. I would also give credit for that grant to my seatmate's brother. Senator Bob Kerrey was the individual who was responsible for that money being delivered to the Omaha Public School District, so I do believe that that is a tremendous asset program and has great potential. With that, I would urge the body to return the bill to Select File to strike the enacting clause. We do not need the A bill any longer. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Hall. Any further debate on the motion to return? Hearing none. I assume closing will be